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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-30 (canceled)

31. (new) A method in combination with first, second, and third tables of data, the first table organizing a first type according to a first attribute and a second attribute, the second table organizing a second type according to a third attribute, the third table organizing a third type according to the first attribute and the third attribute, the method comprising:

modeling a measure according to the second type of the second table; modeling a first dimension according to the third attribute of the second table; modeling a second dimension according to the second attribute of the first table;

tying the measure to the first dimension according to the third attribute of the second table to allow the measure to access data for the first dimension according to the third attribute; and

tying the measure to the second dimension by, for each entry of the first dimension, allocating a value of the measure for the entry of the first dimension by:

identifying each row in the third table within which a value of the third attribute matches a value of the entry of the first dimension;

identifying a value of the first attribute within each identified row in the third table, and, for each identified value of the first attribute:

identifying each row in the first table that includes the value of the first attribute, the first table including no data for the measure;

identifying a value of the second attribute within each identified row in the first table; and

identifying each entry in the second dimension for which a value of the entry of the second dimension matches an identified value of the second attribute; and

allocating at least a portion of the value of the measure for the entry of the first dimension to at least one of each identified entry of the second dimension.

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32. (new) The method of claim 31, comprising modeling the measure according

to the second type of the second table, the second table comprising data stored in a relational

database.

33. (new) The method of claim 31, comprising allocating a complete portion of

the value of the measure for the entry of the first dimension to every identified entry of the

second dimension.

34. (new) The method of claim 31, comprising allocating less than a complete

portion of the value of the measure for the entry of the first dimension to each identified entry

of the second dimension.

35. (new) The method of claim 34, comprising allocating an even portion of the

value of the measure for the entry of the first dimension to each identified entry of the second

dimension.

36. (new) The method of claim 34, comprising allocating a proportional portion

of the value of the measure for the entry of the first dimension to each identified entry of the

second dimension.

37. (new) The method of claim 31, comprising allocating a total value of the

measure for the entry of the first dimension to a pre-determined principal identified entry of

the second dimension.

38. (new) A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer readable

instructions in combination with first, second, and third tables of data, the first table

organizing a first type according to a first attribute and a second attribute, the second table

organizing a second type according to a third attribute, the third table organizing a third type

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according to the first attribute and the third attribute, computer readable instructions for performing the following steps:

modeling a measure according to the second type of the second table; modeling a first dimension according to the third attribute of the second table; modeling a second dimension according to the second attribute of the first table;

tying the measure to the first dimension according to the third attribute of the second table to allow the measure to access data for the first dimension according to the third attribute; and

tying the measure to the second dimension by, for each entry of the first dimension, allocating a value of the measure for the entry of the first dimension by:

identifying each row in the third table within which a value of the third attribute matches a value of the entry of the first dimension;

identifying a value of the first attribute within each identified row in the third table, and, for each identified value of the first attribute:

identifying each row in the first table that includes the value of the first attribute, the first table including no data for the measure;

identifying a value of the second attribute within each identified row in the first table; and

identifying each entry in the second dimension for which a value of the entry of the second dimension matches an identified value of the second attribute; and

allocating at least a portion of the value of the measure for the entry of the first dimension to at least one of each identified entry of the second dimension.

39. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 38, comprising instructions for performing the step of modeling the measure according to the second type of the second table, the second table comprising data stored in a relational database.

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40. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 38, comprising instructions for performing the step of allocating a complete portion of the value of the measure for the entry of the first dimension to every identified entry of the second dimension.

- 41. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 38, comprising instructions for performing the step of allocating less than a complete portion of the value of the measure for the entry of the first dimension to each identified entry of the second dimension.
- 42. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 41, comprising instructions for performing the step of allocating an even portion of the value of the measure for the entry of the first dimension to each identified entry of the second dimension.\
- 43. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 41, comprising instructions for performing the step of allocating a proportional portion of the value of the measure for the entry of the first dimension to each identified entry of the second dimension.
- 44. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 38, comprising instructions for performing the step of allocating a total value of the measure for the entry of the first dimension to a pre-determined principal identified entry of the second dimension.
- 45. (new) A system in combination with first, second, and third tables of data, the first table organizing a first type according to a first attribute and a second attribute, the second table organizing a second type according to a third attribute, the third table organizing a third type according to the first attribute and the third attribute, the system comprising:

a processor operative to execute computer executable instructions; and memory having stored therein computer executable instructions for performing the following steps:

modeling a measure according to the second type of the second table; modeling a first dimension according to the third attribute of the second table;

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modeling a second dimension according to the second attribute of the first table;

tying the measure to the first dimension according to the third attribute of the second table to allow the measure to access data for the first dimension according to the third attribute; and

tying the measure to the second dimension by, for each entry of the first dimension, allocating a value of the measure for the entry of the first dimension by:

identifying each row in the third table within which a value of the third attribute matches a value of the entry of the first dimension;

identifying a value of the first attribute within each identified row in the third table, and, for each identified value of the first attribute:

identifying each row in the first table that includes the value of the first attribute, the first table including no data for the measure;

identifying a value of the second attribute within each identified row in the first table; and

identifying each entry in the second dimension for which a value of the entry of the second dimension matches an identified value of the second attribute; and

allocating at least a portion of the value of the measure for the entry of the first dimension to at least one of each identified entry of the second dimension.

- 46. (new) The system of claim 45, comprising computer executable instructions for performing the step of modeling the measure according to the second type of the second table, the second table comprising data stored in a relational database.
- 47. (new) The system of claim 45, comprising computer executable instructions for performing the step of allocating a complete portion of the value of the measure for the entry of the first dimension to every identified entry of the second dimension.

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48. (new) The system of claim 45, comprising computer executable instructions for performing the step of allocating less than a complete portion of the value of the measure for the entry of the first dimension to each identified entry of the second dimension.

- 49. (new) The system of claim 48, comprising computer executable instructions for performing the step of allocating an even portion of the value of the measure for the entry of the first dimension to each identified entry of the second dimension.
- 50. (new) The system of claim 48, comprising computer executable instructions for performing the step of allocating a proportional portion of the value of the measure for the entry of the first dimension to each identified entry of the second dimension.
- 51. (new) The system of claim 45, comprising computer executable instructions for performing the step of allocating a total value of the measure for the entry of the first dimension to a pre-determined principal identified entry of the second dimension.